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For: MODIFYING UNDESIRABLE TASTES

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003 directed to the above-identified U.S. patent application, please enter the herein amendment.

In the Claims

Appropriate correction for the noted informalities in Claims 5, 6, 9, 19 and 23 is made.

Please amend the claims as indicated on the attached copy of the amended claims. A clean version of the amended claims is also attached hereto.

Claim 6 has been amended as requested to read - - comprises - -.

Claim 9 has been amended as requested to read - - selected from the group consisting of - -.

Claims 1, 5, 19 and 23 have been amended to incorporate the phrase - -or analog thereof - at the request of the examiner. Support for these amendments is found in the specification at page 7, first full paragraph.

Claims

Claims 1, 5, 6, 19 and 23 have been amended as follows:

1. (amended) A taste masking composition comprising at least one amino acid or analog thereof component having an unpleasant taste and sucralose in an amount sufficient to mask the unpleasant taste of the at least one amino acid or analog thereof component, wherein said at least one amino acid or analog thereof is not arginine.
2. The composition of claim 1 wherein sucralose is present in an amount ranging from about